

immortalized by the poem of Longfellow's, 'The Courtship of Miles Standish'. The name of his wife, Susannah Baloom, is also on the tablet.

"The president spoke of the great work that was done by the late Dr. W.W. Fletcher of Carbondale, in gathering the statistics of the Grinnell family which has made it possible for us to know the records from their leaving France to the present day.

"Grinnell Family Genealogy by W.W. Fletcher of Carbondale:

"They were Huguenot Protestants, and escaped the awful massacre of St. Bartholomew, Aug. 24, 1572, by a bare three hours notice. They fled to Wales from whence Matthew came to America in 1635. The town in Iowa, Grinnell, was named from this family.

"It was from this branch that the Grinnells of Clinton originated. Matthew died 1643; his wife was Rose, last name not given. Their children were Matthew, Thomas, and Daniel. Matthew 2 resided in Portsmouth, R.I. and East Greenwich. Their children were Daniel, Matthew, and Thomas, of whom Daniel married Lydia Peabodie, Jan. 12, 1696, and was a daughter of William and Elizabeth Alden Peabodie. Daniel and Lydia Peabodie Grinnell had five children: Peabodie, George, Jamima, Daniel, and Benjamin. Peabodie Grinnell married Ruth Nettleton and the second son was Michael born 1752, who was known as 'Grand-dad Grinnell' in this vicinity for many years before his death, Feb. 13, 1858, at the age of 105 yrs., 10 mo's., 13 days.

"His was a wonderful life, began under the rule and a subject of Great Britain, numbered among the Rebels, yet coming out from the long years of the Revolution, a patriot. The beginning of the freedom of America, and no doubt, whose influence will be a factor of freedom for all nations from rule of kings.

"He enlisted in the Revolutionary War, November, 1775, under Capt. Waters, and Colonel Parsons, giving residence as Saybrook, Conn. Served nine months, was not wounded, but was in several battles. July 1776, he was in New York, and witnessed the rejoicing of the army and the people, on the reception of the news of the Declaration of Independence. He saw the statue of King George pulled down and paraded on a wooden horse in derision. He voted at the first presidential election and lived to see eighteen presidents chosen."

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"Nov. 3, 1852- "Yesterday, Michael Grinnell, a resident of Clinton Township, aged one hundred years, the first of April last, rode with one of his sons (Deacon Rufus) whose age is seventy, to the election house and cast his vote for Franklin Pierce for president. He had lived to see the thirteen states nearly trebled, the population increased more than sixfold and our resources in proportion.